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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) The bipolar electrostatic chuck according to claim 10 or

11, wherein the chuck main body constitutes the first electrode together with the inner electrode

member and the outer electrode member.

3. (Currently Amended) The bipolar electrostatic chuck according to elaim 1 or 2claim

10 or 11, wherein the mounting surface of the chuck main body has an outer convex portion for

positioning the outer electrode member in a heightwise direction with respect to the mounting

surface and/or an inner convex portion for positioning the inner electrode member in the

heightwise direction with respect to the mounting surface.

4. (Currently Amended) The bipolar electrostatic chuck according to elaim 1 or 2claim

10 or 11, wherein positioning pins that position the inner electrode member, the annular

electrode member, and the outer electrode member in a horizontal direction with respect to the

mounting surface are disposed between the chuck main body, and the inner electrode member,

the annular electrode member, and the outer electrode member which are fixed onto the

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mounting surface of the chuck main body through the adhesive layer, respectively.

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5. (Currently Amended) The bipolar electrostatic chuck according to elaim 1 or 2claim

10 or 11, wherein at least one of the inner electrode member, the annular electrode member, and

the outer electrode member which are fixed onto the mounting surface of the chuck main body

through the adhesive layer is fixed onto the mounting surface of the chuck main body in a

complementary configuration with each other.

6. (Currently Amended) The bipolar electrostatic chuck according to elaim 1-or 2claim

10 or 11, wherein the chuck main body and the annular electrode member have interposed

therebetween a positioning spacer for positioning the annular electrode member in the heightwise

direction with respect to the mounting surface.

7. (Currently Amended) The bipolar electrostatic chuck according to elaim 1 or 2claim

10 or 11, wherein the inner electrode member, the annular electrode member, and the outer

electrode member are made of pure aluminum.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) The bipolar electrostatic chuck according to elaim 1 or 2claim

 $\underline{10}$, wherein the silicone-based adhesive agent is a gel adhesive agent or an elastomer-based

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adhesive agent.

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10. (Currently Amended) The bipolar electrostatic chuck according to claim 1. A bipolar

electrostatic chuck, comprising:

a chuck main body having a mounting surface;

an annular electrode member which is formed in an annular configuration with a center

opening and is fixed onto the mounting surface;

an inner electrode member which is disposed at a given clearance from the annular

electrode member within the center opening of the annular electrode member and is fixed onto

the mounting surface; and

an outer electrode member which is disposed at a given clearance from the annular

electrode member outside of the annular electrode member and is fixed onto the mounting

surface.

wherein, at the time of assembling, the annular electrode member, the inner electrode

member, and the outer electrode member are fixed onto the mounting surface through an

adhesive layer, the inner electrode member and the outer electrode member constitute a first

electrode, and the annular electrode member constitutes a second electrode, and after use, the annular electrode member, the inner electrode member, and the outer electrode member can be

separated from the mounting surface by removing the adhesive laver, and

wherein the adhesive layer is made of the silicone-based adhesive agent, and after use,

the annular electrode member, the inner electrode member, and the outer electrode member can

be separated from the mounting surface by removing the adhesive layer using a release agent.

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11. (Currently Amended) The bipolar electrostatic chuck according to claim 1. A bipolar

electrostatic chuck, comprising:

a chuck main body having a mounting surface;

an annular electrode member which is formed in an annular configuration with a center

opening and is fixed onto the mounting surface;

an inner electrode member which is disposed at a given clearance from the annular

electrode member within the center opening of the annular electrode member and is fixed onto

the mounting surface; and

an outer electrode member which is disposed at a given clearance from the annular

electrode member outside of the annular electrode member and is fixed onto the mounting

surface,

wherein, at the time of assembling, the annular electrode member, the inner electrode

member, and the outer electrode member are fixed onto the mounting surface through an

adhesive laver, the inner electrode member and the outer electrode member constitute a first

electrode, and the annular electrode member constitutes a second electrode, and after use, the annular electrode member, the inner electrode member, and the outer electrode member can be

separated from the mounting surface by removing the adhesive layer, and

wherein the adhesive layer is made of the polyvinyl butyral adhesive agent, and after use,

the annular electrode member, the inner electrode member, and the outer electrode member can

be separated from the mounting surface by removing the adhesive layer heating at a temperature

of about 150° C.